

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 443

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members of the Cottonwood Swim Team on the occasion of it's 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to commend those athletic organizations whose members have banded together to serve their communities, state, and nation through dedication to fitness and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cottonwood Swim Team are such estimable people who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1978, the Cottonwood Swim Team, a member of the Williamson County Swim League (WCSL) and former member of the Nashville Swim League (NSL), has since grown to become one of the very best swim teams in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood Swim team was established by Cottonwood residents Barbara Forbes and Toni Kirspel as "The Blue Waves"; the name was later changed to "Cottonwood Pirates" with the slogan "families that swim together win together"; and

WHEREAS, the first coach for the Cottonwood Pirates was Randy Kozak, who was instrumental in its inception and for whom the team's Coach's Award is named to this day; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 200-member team has had several swimmers go on to swim in college and has had numerous record holders in both individual and relay events; and

WHEREAS, the Cottonwood Swim Team possesses a lengthy list of awards accumulated during its history; these include first place in NSL city and duel meets for 1979; second place in NSL city meet and first place in duel meet for 1980; first place in NSL city meet for 1981; first place in Williamson County Championship meet for 2000 and 2001, as well as runner-up for many years; first place in AAAA duel meets for 2003 and 2004; and the Sportsmanship Award for almost every year; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Cottonwood Swim Team achieved a remarkable victory over the Maryland Farms swim team in a duel meet; at the time, Maryland Farms was considered nearly undefeatable, despite its larger size and many year-round swimmers; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cottonwood Pirates are grateful for the untiring support and leadership of their Head Coach of seven years, Ginny Maher; and

WHEREAS, those who are privileged to make the acquaintance of the Cottonwood Pirates admire and envy the close-knit sense of family the team members have cultivated through the years; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable success and longevity enjoyed by the Cottonwood Swim Team is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cottonwood Swim Team are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the officers and members of Cottonwood Swim Team in celebrating 30 years of superior accomplishments, dedication to fitness, and outstanding service to their community and to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.